

2021/22 STT/STJ REOPENING PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The 20th Virgin Islands Board of Education members acknowledge that the committee's virtue of the law for school management and accountability. Title Virgin Islands Code 17.24.2b states: in consultation with the Department of Health-Environment Division, the Department of Labor (OSHA), and the Department of Planning and Natural Resources decide on certification before the commencing of every school year that all public schools inspected are environmentally safe. Reports obligatory for safe and healthy school environments reports are determining factors related to the reopening of schools.

VIBE further acknowledges that a walkthrough scheduled by the VIBE members is an obligation to reopening schools and reinstate in-person instruction.

The VIBE's School Plants & Facilities Committee (SPFC) visited the following schools on July 30th, 2021: Ulla E. Muller Elementary School, Yvonne Milliner Bowsky Elementary School. Joseph Sibilly Elementary School, Julius Sprauve K-8th School, Charlotte Amalie High School, Ivanna Eudora Keen High School, Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, Bertha Boschulte Jr. High School, and the Joseph Gomez Elementary School.

VIBE further acknowledges that issues and concerns raised during the walkthrough with VIDE are minor discrepancies and are challenges present in most schools in the district. Based on the VIDE reopening plan and VIBE walkthrough,

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the committee verified that all schools have safety signage and instruction placed visibly around campuses interior and exterior.

All schools are equipped with hand sanitizer and soap dispensers in restrooms. Outdoor wash stations are installed and operable, however, the VIDE has not verified water testing results. Hand washing stations are also found in some kindergarten classrooms and outside/inside hallways. All school plans include "grab & go" lunch pickup, in-class eating, and limited to no scheduled recess.

All school plans also include specific onboarding and dismissal protocols unique to each school's needs and resources. All schools have a secured isolation area marked and prepared. VIBE could not verify nursing schedules and vacancies.

VIBE encourages all schools to have site-based nurses during in-person learning. Based on 8:00 am-2:30 pm instructional scheduling, individual school site instruction methods differ. As per the VIDE rollout plan, school reopening will entail full virtual instruction classes for students and teachers. All in-person instruction will be suspended until future notice from the VIDE.

Furthermore, VIDE has stated L shaped plexiglass partitions for teachers are scheduled to be available shortly. Student's trifold plexiglass is on each student's desk for all in-person grade levels. The district verified the usage of school busses, however, no schedule information was available at reporting time.

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The VIBE also acknowledges the lack of some reports regarding the safe reopening of schools in the STT district. VIBE will enforce the reporting of all safety and environmental agencies before the first day of in-person instruction.

For purposes of this preliminary STT district report, the following schools shall have the VIBE support for the reopening:

- Ulla Muller Elementary school,
- Yvonne E. Bowsky elementary school.
- Joseph Sibilly elementary school,
- Julius E. Sprauve K-8th,
- Charlotte Amalie High School,
- Ivanna Eudora Keen High School,
- Jane Tuitt Elementary School,
- Bertha Boschulte Jr. High School,
- Charlotte Amalie High school and
- Joseph Gomez elementary School

However, it is highly recommended the following items be addressed prior to resuming in-person instruction:

Charlotte Amalie High School

Replace/repair campus surrounding fencing

Modular walkway needs resurfacing.

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Large wasp nesting under modular air conditioning

Block off condemned spaces from student access.

Trim trees and grounds inside campus faculties

Julius E. Sprauve Kg - 8th School

Mark flooring and signage for students

New kitchen equipment needs installment

Water fountains needed

Transformer in front of school is a concern/leaking oil

Front tables need repainting

Teacher/students plexi-glass for grades 4th-8th

Bertha Boschulte Jr. High

No dishwasher/hot water in Kitchen

New equipment in kitchen needs to be installed

No air conditioning in cafeteria or kitchen

No fire extinguisher charged in kitchen

2021/2022 ST. CROIX REPORTING PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

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VIBE further acknowledges that a walkthrough scheduled by the VIBE members is an obligation to reopening schools and reinstate in-person instruction.

The VIBE's School Plants & Facilities Committee (SPFC) visited the following schools on August 2nd, 2021: Pearl B Larsen K-8th School, Junita Gardine K-8th School. Lew Muckle Elementary School, Ricardo Richards Elementary School, Alfredo Andrews Elementary School, John H. Woodson Jr. High School, Claude O. Markoe Elementary School, St. Croix Educational Complex High School, Eulalie Rivera K-8th School and St. Croix Central High School.

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All schools are equipped with hand sanitizer and soap dispensers in restrooms. Outdoor wash stations are installed and operable, however, the VIDE has not verified water testing results. Hand washing stations are also found in some KG classrooms and outside/inside hallways. All school plans include "grab & go" lunch pickup, in-class eating, and limited to no scheduled recess. All school plans also include specific onboarding and dismissal protocols unique to school needs and resources. All schools have a secured isolation area marked and prepared. VIBE could not verify nursing schedules and vacancies. VIBE encourages all schools to have site-based nurses during in-person learning.

Based on 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. instructional scheduling, individual school site instruction methods differ. As per VIDE's rollout plan, all school reopening will entail full virtual instruction classes for students and teachers All in-person instruction will be suspended until future notice from the State.

Furthermore, VIDE has also secured L shaped plexiglass partitions for teachers which are scheduled to be available shortly. Student trifold plexiglass shields are on each student's desk for all in-person Kg-3rd grade levels. The district verified the usage of school busses; however, no schedule information was available at reporting time.

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The VIBE also acknowledges the lack of some reports regarding the safe reopening of schools in the STX district. VIBE will enforce the reporting of all safety and environmental agencies before the first day of in-person instruction.

For purposes of this preliminary STX district report, the following schools shall have the VIBE support for reopening:

- Pearl B Larsen K-8th School
- Juanita Gardine K-8th School
- Lew Muckle Elementary School
- Ricardo Richards Elementary School
- Alfredo Andrews Elementary School
- John H. Woodson Jr. High School
- Claude O. Markoe Elementary School
- St. Croix Educational Complex High School
- Eulalie Rivera K-8th School
- St. Croix Central High School

However, it is highly recommended the following items be addressed prior to resuming in-person instruction:

Claude O. Markoe School

Fix all in-person instruction classroom ceilings

Update bathroom facilities by adding toilet paper and hand towel dispensers.

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Block off condemned spaces from student access.

Trim trees and grounds inside campus faculties

Update in classroom bathroom fixtures, including toilets paper roll and soap dispenser

Replace in class storage doors within all in-person instruction classrooms

St. Croix Central High School

Fix exposed outlets next to 1003-1001 wings.

Power needed to modular Building

No gym space on campus

Repair or replace ceiling fans in all in-person instruction classrooms

Girls bathroom 900 wing out of order

Both bathrooms 1000 wing needs repair

1003 classroom missing lovers

All classrooms observed need cleaning and disinfecting

800 wing no fire extinguisher charged or updated

400 wing girls bathroom no running water

ROTC building needs cleaning and sanitizing

Grass in rear of school extremely over grown

Tan tan trees observed growing through ROTC building

ROTC building classes leaking

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Both girls/boys' bathrooms in 200 wing are out of order

Need new air conditioning in ROTC building

Lew Muckle Elementary school

In school Nurse needed

Night illumination needs to be addressed. The campus is not fully illuminated.

There are 4 entrance areas which need to be clearly marked with directions.

Covid signs are up about mask and distancing

Pearl B Larsen Elementary School, Juanita Gardine K-8th, Ricardo

Richards Elementary

More COVID signage needed throughout the campus